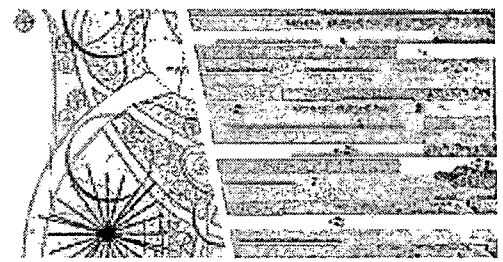


# Downtown PG Park Proposal

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## About us

We are a group of five friends and neighbors that live in the Battlecreek neighborhood of Pleasant Grove. Our community is important to us. Through our combined efforts, we hope to make a difference for good, specifically by upgrading and beautifying the Downtown Park in Pleasant Grove, including installing a splash pad.

## Our Goal

We hope to build a beautiful public space in the Pleasant Grove Downtown Park. Primarily, we would like to install a splash pad. We would also like to include improved playground equipment, gardens, art, seating, a stage area, picnic facilities, and walking paths with beautiful landscaping, in addition to amenities to accommodate city events such as the Promenade. We expect that such a space would help support businesses downtown, increase property values, attract community residents of all ages and bring more life to the area. All improvements and changes will include thoughtful ways of building in wheelchair accessibility. Plans will be subject to the amount of money raised.

## Funding

We will seek donations from private individuals, local businesses, grants, and volunteer efforts.

## Timeline

We propose a timeline of planning and bidding to take place this spring, fundraising through the summer and fall, and beginning of construction to take place in spring 2017. We realize that this is an ambitious timeline, and that some of our fundraising efforts, including writing grants, may take more time than what we have allotted in our initial planning. If we cannot secure enough funding by the spring of 2017, we intend to continue our efforts throughout the year, and begin construction by the spring of 2018.

## Request for support

We request that the city council commit the existing Pleasant Grove Downtown Park area to this project, contingent on our fundraising success within the next 24 months, and for the city to assume operational and maintenance costs once the project is built.

February 16 2016

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am sorry for my interruption of the Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016 Council meeting. I wish that I would've known about previous meetings concerning the 4000 north sewer, but I haven't been able to follow everything going on in our City as I would've liked to.

I felt that I needed to speak out when inaccurate information was being given to the Council and the Constituents of this City. I would like to think that it is by accident that we are fed this kind of information, but sometimes it appears that we are being fed information to satisfy the agenda of a person or group within the city and many times a member or past member of this Council.

I know that there has been a lot of mistakes in the past that cannot all be corrected to everyone's satisfaction, but I don't think it prudent to continue on with making more mistakes. Our City cannot afford to continue on in this manner. We have very limited resources and they need to be used wisely, prudently and fairly across all City needs.

I believe that most tax payers of this City were not aware of the burden's that could be put upon them by the annexation of others. Most tax payers that buy a home in the City pay for their lot improvements with the purchase of their home. To think that we should pay for the improvements of others desiring to join our wonderful City is a little absurd to me. If they wish to join our City, they should be willing to pay for their own improvements to bring their property up to City standards as anyone else is required to do when they build or add on to their home in the City.

Many in the Manila annexation area did not receive sewer to their property at tax payer expense. Most have received some benefit from the sewer trunk line that was put in by the City on 2600 north and 900 west. The people on 4000 north will also benefit from this trunk line. Some have received benefits at the expense of developers that spent hundreds of thousands of dollars for offsite improvements to supply their projects in the area. I am not 100% sure that all on my list are correct but to the best of my knowledge here is a list of those who didn't receive City help but payed for their own or benefitted from developers bringing improvements by their homes.

Carl Warnick, Kent Warnick, John Kerr, Mark Warnick, Brad Overly, Jim Harvey, Linda Orso, Gary Garner, Charles Warnick, Bill Warnick, Dave Harvey, Roy Taylor, Steve Warnick, Juanita Wayman, Rock Woodward, Gary Keetch, James Oliphant, Ronald Hall/Ken Davis, Jeffery Robinson, Ken Lindquist, and all of the 22 in the 180 West improvement district.

I have also made a list of those in the annexation area that will still need sewer service, if those on 4000 north are given sewer service.

Nyle Doyle, Joseph Gebhardt, Alice Ho, Gregory Cook, Darlene Nickell, Loreta Sorenson, Cyrill Draney, Karen Card, Caroline Pruett, Dennis Rowley, Dale Bethers, Kendall Beveridge, Dawanye Cordner, Shawn Flanary, Stephen Renshaw, Douglas Bobo, Jeffery Selmos, John Linebaugh, Russell Woodard, Jerry Boyer, Hart Family, Alex Wadley, Robert Williamson, James Wood, Douglas Van Zant, Gordan Olson, Gary Hardman, Jeffery Garfield, Paul Bertoch, Phillip Hall, Douglas Nielsen, Scott Nicol, Jason Sargent, Daniel Kravet, John Longman, Michael Roundy, Jody Lamp, Charles Headman, Joseph Majors, Glenneta Bennet, Delbert Atkinson, Chris Eagar, Kurt Vuksinick, Daniel Stuart, Gordan Davies, Brent Wilson, Ginaa Day, Stephen Graham, Gregory Prosocki, David Simmons, Gregory Smith, Jeannine Aheam, Raymond Hayes, Kelley Allen, Terry Canfield, Bruce Hatch.

When the residence on 180 west had failing septic systems they came to the City with their need for sewer service. They were told that the City wouldn't be able to put in the sewer for them, but they would be willing to set up an improvement district where the City would put it in the sewer and the residents would have to pay the City back with either payments over time or a lump sum payment. Roy Taylor on 1450 west was denied any help in extending the sewer improvements to his lot. When Tracy Flinders built a home in our City there was an agreement between Pleasant Grove City and Cedar Hills City, that Cedar Hills would allow the Flinders to connect to their sewer for an agreed upon rate. Years later Cedar Hills would not honor the agreement. The Flinders were told they would need to pay an exorbitant fee to stay on the Cedar Hills sewer or they could choose to annex to Cedar Hills. The Flinders approached Pleasant Grove City with their dilemma. Pleasant Grove was unwilling to help them with sewer service and they were forced to annex to Cedar Hills. It was only after the Flinders payed a considerable expense to bring the sewer up from 4000 north to improve the 3 lots next to their home that they were able to annex back to Pleasant Grove city. The precedence has been set. We can see from the recent decisions made by the City that the residence will have to pay for their own sewer. There is millions of dollars of needed sewer improvements to bring all others in this area the sewer service they need. Many have service already available to them by Cedar Hills if they so choose. If they choose to stay in Pleasant Grove an improvement district should be formed and they should be allowed to do as those on 180 west have done. It would not be in the best interest of the tax payers of this City to continue on with the proposal being presented to us at this time in behalf of the residents on 4000 north.

I have another interesting observation. To my knowledge there has not been any City funds spent on sewer improvements north of 2600 North, or west of 900 West except for the 2.6 blocks of 1450 West where another City council member resided. Now we are being asked to improve a three block area in front of another council member's property. Now I ask myself, are we serving our community to serve the people or for some other benefit?

Today we have a divided City as the last two elections have shown. It is partially because of the ~~secret~~ <sup>slip</sup> agendas by members of this and previous Councils.

Let's stop now and do what is best for our city.  
Let us not follow in the mistakes that have preceded us.

Regards,

Stephen W Phelon

